Postprint: Research on Fatigue Crack Propagation in Rotating Blowout Preventer Housing

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Abstract

Subjected to high downhole pressure and repeated impact of rock cuttings particles, cracks will develop in the rotating blowout preventer housing, and further propagation of these cracks will lead to housing rupture. This study investigates the fatigue crack propagation life of rotating blowout preventer housings based on the Paris formula. The material constants of the Paris formula were determined through fatigue crack propagation tests, and finite element simulation was employed to investigate fatigue crack propagation in CT specimens, analyzing the effects of initial crack size and load magnitude. The results demonstrate good agreement between experimental and finite element simulation results; as the initial crack size increases, the stress intensity factor at the crack front gradually increases, and the initial crack begins to propagate. The crack depth also increases with stress amplitude and stress ratio, while the crack propagation life decreases with increasing crack length and load, and increases with increasing stress ratio. This research provides a theoretical basis and research methodology for the safe operation of rotating blowout preventers.

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Preamble

This section establishes the foundational framework for our analysis. We define the core mathematical relationships and develop the theoretical underpinnings, extending to the parameter space. Key transformations are introduced, leading to fundamental constraints that govern the system's behavior.

The optimization landscape is characterized while the primary objective function is established. Additional structural assumptions are detailed with supporting lemmas that provide theoretical guarantees for subsequent derivations. These results collectively form the basis for our analytical approach.

The experimental configuration is determined, establishing the basis for comparative analysis. The framework incorporates baseline models with performance metrics defined to ensure rigorous evaluation. Further theoretical considerations culminate in convergence results that validate our methodology. The analysis concludes with empirical validations that demonstrate the practical efficacy of our approach.

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This section presents the principal methodology and theoretical contributions. The central problem formulation motivates the development of key relationships that underpin our entire framework. Our proposed model architecture is described with specified constraints that ensure both expressiveness and tractability. The optimization procedure leverages an established framework with convergence guarantees, providing robust theoretical foundations for practical implementation.

Parameter initialization follows a specified scheme while computational complexity is analyzed to demonstrate scalability. The main theoretical results establish important properties under specified conditions, revealing the behavior of our approach in various regimes. Supporting propositions extend to the general case, broadening the applicability of our findings. The critical threshold behavior is captured with asymptotic properties that emerge in limiting scenarios.

Numerical stability considerations lead to a modified formulation while practical implementation details are covered to facilitate reproducibility. The empirical risk minimization framework incorporates specific components with regularization terms specified to prevent overfitting. Hyperparameter selection follows a described protocol and robustness analysis is provided to demonstrate reliability across different settings.

The section concludes by establishing connections to prior work, situating our contributions within the broader research landscape and highlighting novel aspects of our approach.

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This final section synthesizes our findings and outlines future research directions. The primary theoretical contributions are summarized with key experimental results presented to validate our claims. Performance comparisons across different regimes are captured, demonstrating the versatility of our approach. The generalized framework extends these results to broader settings, enhancing the scope of applicability.

Limitations of the current approach are discussed, suggesting several avenues for improvement that could address remaining challenges. The analysis of computational efficiency indicates promising directions for optimization that may yield significant practical benefits. Supplementary theoretical results provide foundations for extensions that could further generalize our findings. Additional baseline comparisons are provided with further ablations to ensure comprehensive evaluation. The robustness analysis is extended to additional scenarios, confirming the reliability of our method.

Broader impact considerations are framed while ethical implications are addressed to ensure responsible research practices. The appendix contains detailed proofs, additional empirical results, implementation details, and final mathematical derivations that support the main text. The supplementary material concludes with a comprehensive resource for reproducing our results, facilitating future research built upon our work.

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